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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : Hans-Jurgen WACHTER et al  
SERIAL NO. : 10/705,566  
CUSTOMER NO. : 27384  
FILED : November 11, 2003  
FOR : NIOBIUM-ZIRCONIUM ALLOY FOR MEDICAL DEVICES OR  
THEIR PARTS  
ART UNIT : 1742  
EXAMINER : Christopher S. Kessler

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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